THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) Yes, Sir. At an estimated prevalence rate of 0.36%, it is presumed that there are 2 million to 3.1 million person infected with HIV in the country.

(c) Government of India has launched the National AIDS Control Programme Phase III, with the goal to halt and reverse the epidemic in the country over the next 5 years by integrating programmes for prevention, care, support and treatment. This will be achieved through a four-pronged strategy:

1. Prevention of new infections in high risk groups and general population.
2. Providing care, support and treatment to PLHAs.
3. Strengthening the infrastructure, systems and human resources in prevention, care, support and treatment programmes at the district, state and national levels.
4. Strengthening the nationwide Strategic Information Management System.

Trauma centre in AIIMS

673. SHRI S.M. LALJAN BASHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Jai Prakash Narayan Trauma Centre has been opened at AIIMS, New Delhi recently;

(b) if so, the fixed cost thereof;

(c) what is the recurring cost thereof;

(d) whether AIIMS has contracted the NHAI to inform them to rush road accident victims to this Trauma Centre; and

(e) if so, the details of steps taken to popularize this Trauma Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (e) The total revised cost approved for the Jai Prakash Narayan Trauma Centre was Rs. 138.53 crores including the running cost during Tenth Five Year Plan Period. The AIIMS has reported that the running cost including manpower/consumables, maintenance etc. would be Rs. 23.8,4 crores per annum. The Centre has become only partially functional at AIIMS on 27.11.2006 and yet to be commissioned fully. The AIIMS would inform NHAl to rush the road accident victims to the Trauma Centre, once the Centre is fully commissioned and required manpower recruited.

Shortage of blood bottles

674. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is an acute shortage of supplying blood bottles at various major hospitals in the country;

(b) if so, Government's response thereto;